

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
April 3, 2014

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein; Selectman Dennis Tracey; Selectman David Muller; Town Administrator Tom Landry; Administrative Assistant Judy DeVito; Department heads; residents and members of the press.

This meeting was recorded and videotaped. Copies are available in the Selectmen's office. The meetings are available for viewing online via the Town's website.

Ms. Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance- Ms. Weinstein led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Michael Ferullo as Weston's representative to the Pre-disaster Mitigation Advisory Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2016- Mr. Tracey moved to appoint Michael Ferullo as Weston's Representative to the Pre-disaster Mitigation Advisory Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2016. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Accept the resignation of Sandra Dadik as Weston Representative to Southwest C-Med effective immediately.- Mr. Muller moved to accept the resignation of Sandra Dadik as Weston's Representative to Southwest C-Med effective immediately. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Donald Kendall to fill the vacancy (Sandra Dadik) as Weston Representative to Southwest C-Med for a term to expire June 30, 2014- Don Kendall said he has a lot of experience on nonprofit boards and currently sits on six. He is a new EMT and this is a way of serving his community in a public health capacity. Mr. Tracey moved to appoint Donald Kendall to the fill the vacancy as Weston's Representative to Southwest C-Med for a term to expire June 30, 2014. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding accepting a gift from Weston Little League of a small scorekeeper's shed and field lights on Bisceglie field #1- Ms. Weinstein said that she thought it was important that we establish what the parameters are before we accept the gift so she has negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding with Weston Little League. A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is attached to the minutes along with a projected schedule.

Mr. Muller moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Weston and Weston Little League and accept a gift of lights and press box on Bisceglie Field #1 in the amount \$110,000 subject to Conservation Commission approval. Weston Little League will assume all responsibility for the care, maintenance and cost for the lights and the press box. Mr. Tracey seconded. Ms. Weinstein said that she spoke to Little League about putting a small plaque on the press box in memory of A.J. Cina. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding giving permission to the Robin Hood foundation for lemonade stands in Weston – Jenny Pastor

Jenny Pastor said that they would like to set-up lemonade stands on Town property to raise money for the Robin Hood Foundation. They would like to set them up at Bisceglie Field, Morehouse Fields and in front of the Library.

The Robin Hood Foundation is a poverty fighting organization that targets poverty in the five Boroughs of New York City. They have been around for over 25 years and 100% of every dollar donated goes to over 200 poverty fighting organizations. There are 15,000 nonprofits in NYC and they look for and find the most effective organizations to make sure that they are using everyone's donations effectively.

The lemonade project is part of a family philanthropy initiative that started over 11 years ago, and has raised over 1 million dollars. Currently they have 43 families signed up in Weston to man these stands. The only sponsor they have in Weston and The Westport is Peters Market. They are very grateful for their support.

Ms. Weinstein said there is nothing in our code book that prohibits us from allowing nonprofits to raise money on Town property. Mr. Muller said that he did not have a problem with it as long as it is regulated in the sense that there is an approval process and that it will be no more than one organization at any one time. We can limit the frequency to maybe one weekend a month. Mr. Tracey said he agreed with that and he didn't think it needed to come to the Board every time.

Mr. Muller moved to approve the Robin Hood Foundation to set up lemonade stands on Saturday May 31, 2014 through Sunday June 1, 2014 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Soccer Field at Morehouse, the Weston Library and Bisceglie Pond and Fields. The Robin Hood Foundation shall assume all liability. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the governance of the Lachat property- Mr. Tracey said the Friends of Lachat would be the fund raising group that would be an independent 501C3 but the property would be run under the Town auspices to make sure its run in a way that is appropriate for the Town and that the Board of Selectmen approves but are not a part of the day to day workings of the farm. They have talked to a number of other organizations including Westport and found out how they run Wakeman Farm.

Mr. Tracey proposed that the Board of Selectmen establish a Commission for Lachat which would be responsible for the oversight and operation of the farm, the community gardens, as well as the property. The Commission could be seven to nine members. There is a huge amount of work to do and it is going to require 24-7 attention particularly in the ramp up phase.

Mr. Tracey said we are going to need an employee who is responsible for the day to day oversight of the property. It could be a contract employee of the Town and the objective

would be that it would all be revenue neutral so that over time, the programs and donations would fund the cost of the employee.

Ms. Weinstein said she likes the idea of having a Commission because the difference that she sees between Commissions and Committees is that the Commissions are responsible for setting policy. If we create a Commission it will have to be politically balanced so that we have a bare majority due to Charter requirements.

Mr. Muller asked about the overlap of the Friends of Lachat and the Commission. Mr. Tracey said that he made it clear to them that it has to be entirely separate. They have two completely separate missions. He has discussed with them having an advisory board which could include someone from Town to deal with the financial aspects. Mr. Tracey will work with the Commission.

Discussion/decision regarding verbiage for the Lachat sign- Ms. Weinstein said the committee would like to move forward hiring Miggs Burroughs to create and design the sign. Mr. Harper said that "Lachat Town Farm at the Juliana Lachat Preserve" should be the wording on the sign. Mr. Muller said black on white is more consistent with other signs in Town.

Property tax refunds:

Honda Lease Trust	\$47.85
Kettle Creek LLC	\$63.16
Sean Martin	\$69.21
Kristin Cammarata	\$82.11
Daimler Trust	\$168.30
George and Jean Hubbard	<u>\$3,070.22</u>
Total	<u>\$8,296.77</u>

Mr. Muller moved to approve property tax refunds in the amount of \$8,296.77 as listed on the April 3, 2014 Board of Selectmen's agenda. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Items

Updates

First Selectman updates- Ms. Weinstein said they had a regional meeting to discuss the COG merger but she was out ill so she will get the minutes and forward them to the Selectmen.

Board of Assessment Appeals statistics are in for 2013. Fifty properties appealed, 23 properties decreased, 2 properties increased and 25 had no change. The total assessment change from the grand list as initially proposed is a little under 2 million dollars.

Any other business to come properly before the meeting- None

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Discussion/approval of the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of March 20, 2014, the Special Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of March 7, 2014.

Mr. Tracey moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of March 20, 2014 as amended. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed Mr. Tracey, Ms. Weinstein yes, Mr. Muller abstained.

Mr. Muller moved to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen's meeting of March 7, 2014. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed Ms. Weinstein, Mr. Muller yes, Mr. Tracey abstained.

At 8:15pm Mr. Tracey moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Judy M. DeVito
Administrative Assistant
Approved 4/21/14